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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the Year 1955

Medical Officer of Health:

James Menzies Cormack, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H., D.P.A.

Districts:

Sodbury Rural District
Warmley Rural District
Kingswood Urban District
Mangotsfield Urban District

SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Composition of District

Parishes of Acton Turville, Alderley, Badminton, Cold Ashton, Dodington, Doynton, Dyrham & Hinton, Frampton Cotterell, Filton, Horton, Hawkesbury, Iron Acton, Little Sodbury, Marshfield, Pucklechurch, Sodbury, Stoke Gifford, Tormarton, Westerleigh, Wick & Abson, Wickwar, Winterbourne, Yate.

Chairman of the Public Health Committee
Councillor H. W. Thompson

WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Composition of District

Parishes of Bitton, Hanham Abbots, Mangotsfield Rural, Oldland, Siston.

Chairman of the Public Health Committee
Dr. Ian Macdonald

KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Composition of District

Wards North, South, East, West, Mount Hill.

Chairman of the Public Health Committee
Councillor Mrs. E. A. Griffiths

MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Composition of District

Wards Downend, Soundwell, Mangotsfield.

Chairman of the Public Health Committee
Councillor W. G. Smith

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Medical Officer of Health
JAMES MENZIES CORMACK, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.P.A.

The Medical Officer's Duties are divided into two parts, 50% of each, one part comprising duties as District Medical Officer of Heath to the four Districts named below, and for the other part he acts as Medical Officer to the Southern Area Sub-Committee of the Gloucestershire County Council Health Committee.

SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT

Sanitary Inspectors	J. H. E. Steele, (Senior Sanitary Inspector)
	G. Fry, M.S.I.A.
	D. F. Hughes, M.S.I.A. (Appointed 1.7.55)
	R. M. Davies, M.S.I.A., M.R.S.I. (Appointed 1.7.55)
	H. S. Hale, M.S.I.A., M.R.S.I. (Retired 31.8.55)
Clerical	I. A. Beardsley (Mrs.) (1.1.55 - 31.3.55)
	W. Lane (from 1.4.55)
	E. Pritchard (Miss)
Rodent Inspector/Operator	G. W. Dean

WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT

Sanitary Inspector	L. J. Prosser, L.I.O.B., M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Clerical	M. Sims (Miss)

KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT

Sanitary Inspectors	G. E. Curtis, F.S.I.A., M.R.S.I., (Cert. Meat and Foods Inspector) (Senior Health Inspector)
Asst. Health Inspector	N. H. Peel (commenced 22.8.55)
Pupil Sanitary Inspector	J. Gray
Clerical	J. M. Sweeting (Mrs.)

MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT

Sanitary Inspector	H. J. Bryant, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A. (Cert. Meat and Foods Inspector)
Clerical	Miss P. Wall

Divisional Health Office,
High Street,
Kingswood, Bristol.
June, 1956.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The combined Report appears to be acceptable to members of the four Authorities and this form is therefore being continued.

The health of the Area continues very satisfactory. The general sickness figures were rather high in the early part of the year, but this was not due to any particular type of illness other than the common cold of more than average severity, and mild influenza. The notified cases of poliomyelitis were also very low and this was fortunate in relation to the increase of notifications in the neighbouring large town.

The feature of recent times is the rapidly changing landscape and several "Rural" localities are disappearing as such and re-appearing as housing estates, schools and factories, some new factories bringing with them associated problems.

During the year some discussion has arisen regarding refuse disposal and tips, and with increased population and reduced vacant spaces this problem is likely to increase. Control over these tips will therefore have to be much more efficient, but this is a problem which the various Councils are taking seriously.

Notes are included in this report giving information regarding a number of Voluntary Associations and I should like to pay tribute in this report to the vast amount of work carried out locally, purely by voluntary effort. The list of Associations is not comprehensive and many will have been omitted, for example members of the Councils who give so much time these days to apparently endless numbers of Committee meetings.

So also may be omitted names of many Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Brigade groups and others associated with the formation of Old Peoples' Clubs and "Xmas parcels". It is noteworthy that the assistance of the Red Cross Cadets in distributing leaflets by house to house visit regarding appointments with the Mass Radiography Unit brought a large number of responses.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MENZIES CORMACK
Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Sodbury Rural District Council,
the Warmley Rural District Council,
the Kingswood Urban District Council,
and the Mangotsfield Urban District Council.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND GENERAL STATISTICS

	Sodbury R.D.	Warmley R.D.	Kingswood U.D.	Mangotsfield U.D.
Area of District (acres)	68,557	8,845	1,530	1,553
Population (Registrar General's mid-year estimate)	39,610	11,390	19,490	19,280
Number of Inhabited Houses. (December Rate Books)	12,419	3,839	6,256	6,465
Estimated number of Void Houses (31st December)	199	40	35	10
Rateable Value (31/12/55)	£207,805	£54,317	£101,836	£101,386
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (Year 1954/5)	£812.10.7	£188.6.1	£386,10.0	£388

	Sodbury R.D.	Warmley R.D.	Kingswood U.D.	Mangotsfield U.D.	County of Gloucestershire	England & Wales
Rates per 1,000 Home Population						
Live Births	14.9	15.3	14.0	17.6	15.42	15.0
Deaths	10.4	9.8	10.5	8.7	11.44	11.7
Population - Mid 1955	39,610	11,370	19,490	19,280	449,400	44,441,000

TABLE SHOWING INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Sodbury Rural District	Warmley Rural District	Kingswood Urban District	Mangotsfield Urban District	Totals
TYPHOID FEVER	—	—	—	—	—
PARATYPHOID	1	—	—	—	1
MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION	1	—	—	—	1
SCARLET FEVER	22	2	9	14	47
WHOOPING COUGH	131	6	16	10	163
DIPHTHERIA	—	—	—	—	—
ERYSIPELAS	11	1	4	13	29
SMALLPOX	—	—	—	—	—
MEASLES	831	142	426	436	1835
PNEUMONIA	24	3	7	7	41
ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS *(including polioencephalitis)*					
Paralytic	4	—	—	4	8
Non-Paralytic	5	—	—	—	5
FOOD POISONING	—	—	—	1	1
PUERPERAL PYREXIA	10	—	1	—	11
DYSENTRY	1	—	—	—	1
OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE SHOWING PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH 1955

	Cause of Death	Total			
		Sodbury R. D.	Warmley R. D.	Mangotsfied U. D.	Kingswood U. D.
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	—	3	5
2.	Tuberculosis, other	1	—	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	2	—	—	1
4.	Diphtheria	—	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—
6.	Meningo-coccal infections	—	—	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—
8.	Measles	—	—	—	—
9.	Other infective and parisitic diseases	—	—	—	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	14	4	3	8
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	17	2	5	6
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	4	2	3	2
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	3	—	2	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	16	10	17	25
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	2	—
16.	Diabetes	1	—	—	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	52	22	34	25
18.	Coronary disease, angina	44	21	31	27
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	10	1	3	4
20.	Other heart disease	50	8	29	32
21.	Other circulatory disease	12	8	4	10
22.	Influenza	6	2	1	1
23.	Pneumonia	24	5	10	7
24.	Bronchitis	13	8	8	4
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	4	—	3	3
26.	Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	5	2	2	4
27.	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	1	2	—	—
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	2	1	1	2
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	6	3	—	1
30.	Pregnancy Childbirth, Abortion	—	—	—	1
31.	Congenital malformations	13	1	—	3
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	36	11	8	11
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	7	1	2	2
34.	All other accidents	8	1	1	4
35.	Suicide	2	—	—	4
36.	Homicide & operations of war	1	—	—	—

ANNUAL RETURN OF FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS

(Corrected) 1955

LOCAL AUTHORITY	Sodbury R. D.	Warmley R. D.	Kingswood U. D.	Mangotsfield U. D.
1st Quarter	—	—	—	—
2nd Quarter	—	—	—	—
3rd Quarter	—	—	—	—
4th Quarter	—	—	—	1
TOTAL IN YEAR	—	—	—	1
Outbreaks due to Identified Agents				
Total Outbreaks	—	—	—	—
Total Cases	—	—	—	—
(a) Chemical Poisons	—	—	—	—
(b) Salmonella Organisms	—	—	—	—
(c) Staphlococci *(including toxin)*	—	—	—	—
(d) Cl. botulinum	—	—	—	—
(e) Other bacteria	—	—	—	—
Outbreaks of Undiscovered Cause				
Total Outbreaks	—	—	—	—
Total Cases	—	—	—	—
Single Cases				
Agent Identified	—	—	—	—
Unknown Cause	—	—	—	1
TOTAL	—	—	—	1

INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS
NEW NOTIFICATIONS IN YEAR 1955
(excluding transfers)

Respiratory

AGE GROUPS	Sodbury R.D.		Warmley R.D.		Kingswood U.D.		Mangotsfield U.D.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 - 5 years	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 - 15 years	2	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
15 - 25 years	8	5	—	—	6	3	3	2
25 - 35 years	4	4	1	—	—	2	1	3
35 - 45 years	4	2	—	—	1	2	2	2
45 - 55 years	1	—	1	—	3	—	1	1
55 - 65 years	1	2	1	—	2	1	5	—
65 years and over	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS	22	13	4	1	13	9	12	9

Non-Respiratory

AGE GROUPS	Sodbury R.D.		Warmley R.D.		Kingswood U.D.		Mangotsfield U.D.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 - 5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 - 15 years	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
15 - 25 years	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1
25 - 35 years	1	1	—	1	2	1	—	—
35 - 45 years	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 - 55 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 - 65 years	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
65 years and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	1	2	1	1	4	3	—	2

VACCINATION, DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION, AND WHOOPING COUGH VACCINATION RETURNS

(summarized from figures supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health) YEAR 1955

VACCINATION

	Sodbury R.D.		Warmley R.D.		Kingswood U.D.		Mangotsfield U.D.	
	Under 5 yrs.	Over 5 yrs.	Under 5 yrs.	Over 5 yrs.	Under 5 yrs.	Over 5 yrs.	Under 5 yrs.	Over 5 yrs.
VACCINATION	220	46	20	6	56	6	83	13
RE-VACCINATION	5	39	—	—	—	4	—	8

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

PRIMARY IMMUNISATION								
By County Council								
(Clinics, Child Welfare Centres, Schools)	46	54	5	2	34	34	56	28
By General Practitioners	397	11	33	1	183	9	101	1
TOTAL PRIMARY	443	65	38	3	217	43	157	29
MAINTENANCE DOSES								
By County Council	4	716	1	54	4	238	11	551
By General Practitioners	4	71	—	4	3	36	5	22
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	8	787	1	58	7	274	16	573

WHOOPING COUGH VACCINATION

Combined with Diphtheria Immunisation	141	3	18	—	87	5	34	—
Separate Vaccine	2	2	—	—	11	—	8	1
TOTALS	143	5	18	—	98	5	42	1

SODBURY R. D.

The following table is submitted by the instructions of the Ministry of Labour and National Service as required by Section 128(3) of the Factories Act 1937 Part 1 & VIII.

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector).

Premises	No. of Premises	Inspections	No. of Notices	Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	35	9	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	102	21	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	137	30	2	—

(2) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	2	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	2	—	—	—

OUTWORK. (Section 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel. Making, etc	24	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	24	—	—	—	—	—

WARMLEY R.D.

The following table is submitted by the instructions of the Ministry of Labour and National Service as required by Section 128(3) of the Factories Act 1937 Part 1 & VIII.

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector).

Premises	No. of Premises	Inspections	No. of Notices	Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	50	5	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	3	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	53	5	—	—

(2) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	2	—	3
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork	2	—	—	—
TOTAL	5	2	—	3

OUTWORK. (Section 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of Instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel, Making etc.	3	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	3	—	—	—	—	—

KINGSWOOD U.D.

The following table is submitted by the instructions of the Ministry of Labour and National Service as required by Section 128(3) of the Factories Act 1937 Part 1 & VIII.

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector).

Premises	No. of Premises	Inspections	No. of Notices	Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	15	8	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	81	55	11	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	96	63	11	—

(2) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1	3	2	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	8	8	—	6
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	11	10	—	7

MANGOTSFIELD U.D.

The following table is submitted by the instructions of the Ministry of Labour and National Service as required by Section 128(3) of the Factories Act 1937 Part 1 & VIII.

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector).

Premises	No. of Premises	Inspections	No. of Notices	Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	24	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	39	68	10	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	50	92	10	—

(2) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	10	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	14	14	—	—

RAINFALL

The following gives the rainfall details for 1955 as registered by the Kingswood gauge of the West Gloucestershire Water Company.

January	2.98″	May	4.12″	September	1.14″
February	1.56″	June	2.91″	October	1.27″
March	1.30″	July	0.12″	November	3.29″
April	1.09″	August	0.81″	December	3.27″

TOTAL 23.86″

WATER SUPPLIES

WEST GLOUCESTERSHIRE WATER COMPANY.

The increase in Domestic connections during the year 1955 was as follows:

Sodbury R.D.	163	Kingswood U.D.	243
Warmley R.D.	323	Mangotsfield U.D.	275

Signed R. E. Price,
Distribution Superintendent

SODBURY R.D.

WATER SUPPLIES

With the exception of the Parish of Hawkesbury the area is supplied with water by The West Gloucestershire Water Company, the Statutory Water Suppliers. The water is chlorinated before distribution. A recent independent sample taken by an officer of the department and submitted for analysis gave the following results:-

INDEPENDENT WATER SAMPLE.

Report on a sample of water received from The Sodbury R.D.C. on the 5th December, 1955 taken by Mr. D. F. Hughes.

Source Tap, High Street, Iron Acton *(West Gloucestershire Water Co. mains supply)*

Physical Character: Clear, bright and no odour.

No charring or odour on ignition.

This sample contains (parts per million)		REMARKS
Total solids	431	
Loss on ignition	12	
Mineral matter	419	
Alkilinity (CaCO3)		

Total hardness	386	
(a) Permanent	135	
(b) Temporary	251	Satisfactory
Chlorine (as chloride)	19	
Nitrogen as saline and free ammonia	Nil	
Nitrogen as Albuminoid	0.04	
Nitrogen as Nitrates	4.72	
Nitrogen as Nitrites	Nil	
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate (4 hours at 80°F.)	Nil	
Poisonous metals	Nil	
Free Carbon Dioxide		
Silica (SLO2)		
Residual chlorine	0.025	
Sediment		

Signed E. C. Whittle.
Public Analyst.

Bacteriological Examination P.H.M. 1875.		REMARKS
Number of colonies per ml. of original water		
Developing at 37°C.	less than 1	
Developing at 20° - 22°C.	1	
Probable number of Coli-Aerogenes per 100 ml. or original water	0	
Faecal B coli Type 1 absent.		Satisfactory

Yate Rocks.

Extensions to the mains in order to supply the hamlet of Yate Rocks were completed in December 1955 by The West Gloucestershire Water Co. The number of Houses to be supplied from this extension is 13.

HAWKESBURY WATER SUPPLY

The council's pumping station at Kilcot has functioned satisfactory during the past year and a further seven domestic and one metered connections have been made.

The average daily consumption has been 65,317 gallons which gives a total of 23,940,790 gallons for the year. This represents an increase of approximately 5.65% on last year's consumption.

The maximum rest level of the water in the well is 15ft. The depth of the well is 50ft. with an added depth of a further 25ft. of 12″ diameter bore.

Although sterile samples of raw water have been obtained from the well, chlorination is carried out and the residual chlorine is 0.1 parts per million in output water.

No action has been necessary in respect of contamination other than routine flushings of dead ends. Despite the long dry spell during the summer no shortages were experienced and the supply remained satisfactory both in quality and quantity.

Eight minor bursts have been repaired during the year and only on one occasion was it found necessary to interrupt the continuity of supply. This affected a very small portion of the system and was of less than four hours duration. These bursts were the result of the corrosive action on the iron bolts of sulphate reducing bacteria. In renewing the bolts phosphor bronze ones were used.

The number of premises now supplied in Hawkesbury, Hillesley, Tresham and the commons is as follows:-

Domestic Connections at 31.12.55.	160
Metered Connections to Farms	51
Standpipes	24

Periodical sampling is undertaken for bacteriological examination, both direct from the well and standpipes, the result of one such analysis is shown herewith.

Sample taken from a standpipe adjacent to Hillesley School on the 5th December, 1955.

Physical characteristics: Clear, bright, colourless, no odour.
Reaction pH 7.4
No charring or odour on igniting solids.

This sample contains	Parts per million	REMARKS
Total solids	302	
Loss on ignition	16	
Mineral matter	286	
Alkalinity as (C.CO3)		
Total hardness	280	
(a) Permanent	79	
(b) Temporary	201	Satisfactory
Chlorine as chloride	15	
Nitrogen as saline and free Ammonia	nil	
Nitrogen as Albuminoid Ammonia	nil	

Nitrogen as Nitrates	1.02
Nitrogen as Nitrites	nil
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate (4 hours at 80°F.)	
Poinsonous metals	nil
Free Carbon Dioxide	
Silica (SiO2)	
Residual Chlorine	nil

Signed E. G. Whittle,
Public Analyst.

Bacteriological Examination		REMARKS
Number of colonies per ml. of original water		
Developing at 37°C.	less than 1	
Developing at 20° - 22°C.	1	
		Satisfactory
Probable number of Coli Aerogenes per 100 ml. of original water	0	
Faecal B coli type 1 absent.		

Negotiations between the West Gloucestershire Water Co. and the Council regarding the transfer of the Hawkesbury Water scheme to the Company are now in progress.

WARMLEY R.D.
WATER SAMPLES AND SUPPLIES

Upton Cheyney and Beach.

I have to report that no mains water supply has yet been provided to these small villages, which is served by a supply which is entirely unsatisfactory. Matters were further aggravated during the year by drought. This is a matter which the Council should seriously consider, as it is now possible for a mains supply to be provided to the villages.

Waterfall & O'Brien,
The Laboratory,
4 Queens Square,
Bristol, 1.
19th December, 1955.

Lab. Ref. No. 8630.

Source: Fountain, Upton Cheyney.
Place of Sampling: Fountain, Upton Cheyney.
Date: 13th Dec. 1955. Time: 10.45 a.m.
Taken by L. J. Prosser, Esq.

Sent by The Warmley R.D.C., Warmley House, Warmley,
Nr. Bristol.

APPEARANCE

Distinct greenish yellow colour when viewed in depth: slight opalescence: no sediment.

	Parts per Million
Reaction: pH 8.2	
Free and Saline Ammonia	0.01
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.15
Chlorine (as Chlorides)	13.5
equivalent to Sodium Chloride	22.5
Oxygen (absorbed 4 hours)	0.94
Nitrite	Absent
Nitrogen in Nitrate	1.8
Total Solids	370
Loss on ignition	35
Hardness:	
Temporary	224
Permanent	54
TOTAL	278
Lead and Copper	Absent

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

Colonies on Agar at 22°C.	Thousands
Colonies on Agar at 37°C.	2500 per ml.

Organisms of the Coli-aerogenes Group, upwards of 1400 per 100 ml. (faecal).

(Sgd.) Waterfall & O'Brien

Waterfall & O'Brien,
The Laboratory,
4 Queens Square,
Bristol, 1.

19th December, 1955.

Lab. ref. No. 8628.
Source: Trough, Beach.
Place of Sampling: Trough, Beach.
Date: 13th December, 1955. Time: 10.15 a.m.
Taken by L. J. Prosser, Esq., *Sanitary Inspector.*
Sent by The Warmley R.D.C., Warmley House, Warmley,
Nr. Bristol.

APPEARANCE

Greyish turbidity. Very little colour. slight sediment.
Reaction pH 8.2

	Parts per Million
Free and Saline Ammonia	0.02
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.08
Chlorine (as Chlorides)	15.5
equivalent to Sodium Chloride	26.
Oxygen absorbed (4 hours)	0.98
Nitrite	Absent
Nitrogen in Nitrate	1.7
Total Solids	400
Loss on ignition	30
Appearance on ignition	Very slight charring
Hardness:	
Temporary	240
Permanent	56
TOTAL	296
Lead and Copper	Absent

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Colonies on Agar at 22° C. 1750 per ml.
Colonies on Agar at 37° C. 850 per ml.

Presumptive Organisms of the Coli-aeragences Group upwards of 1400 per 100 ml. including 450 of faecal type.

(Sgd.) Waterfall & O'Brien

Waterfall & O'Brien,
The Laboratory,
4 Queens Square,
Bristol, 1.

Lab. Ref. No. 8631

Source: West Gloucester Water Co.

Place of Sampling: Warmley House, Warmley.
Tap in Kitchen.

Date: 13th December, 1955.

Taken by: L. J. Prosser, Esq., *Sanitary Inspector.*

Sent by The Warmley R.D.C., Warmley House, Warmley,
Nr. Bristol.

APPEARANCE

Clear and colourless.

Reaction pH 7.5

	Parts per Million
Free and Saline Ammonia	0.02
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.02
Chlorine (as Chlorides)	48
equivalent to Sodium Chloride	79
Oxygen absorbed (4 hours)	0.30
Nitrite	Absent
Nitrogen in Nitrate	0.5
Total Solids	565
Loss on ignition	35
Appearance on ignition	Very slight charring
Hardness:	
All Temporary	232
Lead and Copper	Absent

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Colonies on Agar at 22° C.	33 per ml.
Colonies on Agar at 37° C.	23 per ml.

Organisms of the Coli-aerogenes Group, absent from 100 ml.

(Sgd.) Waterfall & O'Brien

KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT

WATER SUPPLY

Several complaints were received concerning discolouration of the public supply in the Hanham locality. Analytical tests showed that the discolouration was harmless; nevertheless, it rendered the water unsuitable for use. The West Gloucestershire Water Company promptly investigated the trouble which was thought to be due to admixture of water from the new Chew Valley Reservoir in Somerset. This being less hard it probably exerted a solvent action on deposits in the mains. These were thoroughly flushed and no recurrence of the discolouration was recorded.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

SODBURY R.D.

Sewers : Public Health Act 1936, Section 32.

The Council's consulting engineers have now completed their survey of the sewage system at Filton and the maps together with relevant details about the sizes of sewers, direction, position of manholes etc. are deposited in the surveyor's office.

WINTERBOURNE AND FRAMPTON COTTERELL SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The whole of this scheme is now complete and has been functioning satisfactorily for some time ; the maintenance period has now expired. The number of premises now connected to the sewer is in the region of 1500. The total expenditure on the scheme up to December, 1955 was £783,700 and the grant aid received was £202,500.

WICK SEWERAGE SCHEME CONTRACT NUMBER 1.

The contract sum of £15,000 includes some 2,000 yards of sewer and the construction of a sewage disposal works.

The contractors commenced work at the beginning of March and up to the present more than 1,900 yards of sewers have been constructed and this includes the whole of the Naishcombe Hill housing site.

The contractors are now completing the branch sewer serving the group of houses on the west side of the church.

Work is progressing at the sewage disposal works site and it is expected that this will be ready early in the new year.

OLD SODBURY.

In respect of Old Sodbury a sewerage scheme has been considered covering approximately 100 houses, at an estimated cost of £14,400.

In view of the apparent "limited life" of some of the properties a survey is to be made to establish the sanitary conditions.

ACTON TURVILLE

Preliminary consideration has been given to the sewering of part of Acton Turville. The estimated cost of this scheme is £9,000.

YATE.

A scheme for the provision of a small sewage disposal works to deal with the sewage from the Yate Aerodrome site has been completed and in operation since July.

This scheme at present is designed to serve approximately 350 houses, but will be extended to take the proposed Bristol Overspill Development houses in the coming year.

Sewage Works

Wickwar.

As a result of the experience gained in the acceptance and treatment of cider waste during 1953, further minor extensions and modifications carried out in 1954 enabled the plant to deal very successfully with the trade waste.

This was supported by the results of frequent samples submitted for analysis.

Nibley and Marshfield Sewage Works.

These two sewage works have functioned satisfactorily during the past year. Some extensions to the sludge beds at both works are to be made to cope with the additional sludge produced by reason of new houses being added to the sewerage system.

In April 1955 the control of sewage works passed to the Surveyor.

SODBURY R.D.

Pucklechurch.

Although there are records of proposed schemes in 1898, this village, though frustrated, still awaits a scheme to clear the local ditches — some of which are very foul indeed.

I attended a Public Enquiry in 1938 and another recently, and hopes are high that approval will soon be given.

WARMLEY R.D.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

During the year, main drainage has been provided in part of the North Common Area within the Parish of Bitton, at an approximate cost of £8,055.

Details of Connection of existing Houses only.

Parish	Connections to sewer	Cesspools, etc.	Pails, etc.	Houses affected	Factories
Bitton	27	27	20	47	5
Oldland	4	7	5	12	—
Hanham Abbots	1	4	—	4	—
Total	32	38	25	63	5

KINGSWOOD U.D.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Extension of sewers were continued in line with considerable private housing developments. No extension of public sewers by the Council took place, but one section in Hollyguest Road was in course of being re-laid on a lower depth to accommodate housing development (private) in the Hollyguest/Mount Hill Road area.

SODBURY R.D.

MEAT INSPECTION

There are ten slaughterhouses in operation in the area and the licences granted on decontrol remain in force until June 30th 1956.

The provisions of The Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924 (8 [1]) are strictly adhered to and all carcases of all animals killed are inspected prior to being released.
All edible offal is coloured before disposal to licensed dealers.

In addition to post mortem inspection of the carcase, ante mortem inspection of the animals is carried out whenever possible.

The general condition of slaughterhouses, lairages and implements are noted and every effort is made to ensure that these are suitably kept and maintained.

Thanks should be given to the staff of the Department of Preventive Medicine, Canynge Hall, Bristol, for their valuable co-operation during the past year. In cases of doubt, and where diagnosis of diseases has been difficult, the advice given has been extremely helpful and of great service to the inspectorate.

The information on post mortem inspections of animals is given in tabular form.

The total amount of meat condemned during the past 12 months is as follows:-

Meat Condemned	Weight
With Tuberculosis	4569 lbs.
With Cysticercosis	8 lbs.
With other Diseases	4814 lbs.
	9391 lbs.
Total Animals Inspected	8,809

Other Foods Condemned

Tinned Meats	121 lbs.	Tinned Fruits	14 tins
Tinned Milk	1 tin	Tinned Fish	6 tins
Tinned Vegetables	2 tins	Sausages	9 lbs.
Tinned Tomatoes	10 tins	Imported meat	315 lbs.

Number of Food Premises.

20 Butchers Shops	15 Restaurant Kitchens
10 Wet Fish Shops	19 Bakehouses
122 Grocers Shops	10 Fried Fish Shops

Food and Drugs Act, Registrations

(a) 107 Premises for the sale of Ice Cream
19 Butchers Premises

(b) Milk Dairies, Registrations
4 Dairies registered

Number of Inspections

General	310
Slaughterhouses	1,326

APPENDIX Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	878	165	686	4164	2516	—
Number inspected	878	165	686	4164	2516	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	2	—	3	12	5	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	140	15	—	234	36	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	16.17%	9%	0.43%	5.91%	1.6%	—
Tuberculosis only.						
Whole carcases condemned	4	—	—	—	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	39	1	—	—	50	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	4.89%	0.6%	—	—	2.02%	—
Cysticercosis.						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
	0.23%					

MILK (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations 1949

Eight samples were taken of Tuberculin tested Milk and all samples satisfied official tests.

WARMLEY R.D.

Meat Inspection

Carcases Inspected

	Beef.	Sheep.	Calves.	Pigs	Total.
Number Killed	2096	7304	1833	7487	18720
Number Inspected	2096	7304	1833	7487	18720

These animals were killed in three slaughterhouses in the district.

Carcases Condemned

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
All diseases Except Tuberculosis				
(a) Whole Carcases Condemned	—	3	5	3
(b) Part of Carcases of which some part of the organ was condemned	47	—	527	18
(c) Percentage of the number of carcases inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	2.24	0.16	7.2	0.29
Tuberculosis only.				
(a) Whole Carcases Condemned	12	2	—	4
(b) Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned.	239	—	—	131
(c) Percentage of the number of carcases inspected affected with Tuberculosis	11.97	0.10	—	1.8

Condemned Foods Register.

Meat (Tuberculosis)	13,663 lbs.
Meat (other Diseases)	3,142 lbs.
2 Tins	2 lbs.
	16,807 lbs.

KINGSWOOD U.D.

Meat Inspection.

There was not a lot of slaughtering in the area but as killing took place mainly over weekends it involved Sunday work on meat inspection. The meat was of good quality, heifers and bullocks provided the majority of beef carcases. The cow beef was also good quality.

Meat inspection practice included routine examination for C. Bovis, and two effete nodes were found in a heart muscle. Routine precautions were taken. There was less incidence of organic and generalised T.B. compared with pre-war experience. This might partly be due to selectivity by the butcher in handling only good quality animals but there is also reasonable assumption that the incidence of T.B. is lessening.

VISITS TO SLAUGHTERHOUSE 100 TOTAL ANIMALS INSPECTED

Cattle	Cows	Sheep	Pigs
251	181	967	4

CONDEMNED.

	Cattle	Cows	Sheep	Pigs
Non-Tuberculosis				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	63	—	41	4
Whole Carcases	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	26	—	—	—
Whole Carcases	2	—	—	—
Cysticercosis				
Organs	1	—	—	—

FOOD INSPECTION

A considerable amount of routine inspection work took place in shops and a local food factory. Unsound material was dealt with by surrender procedure, it not being necessary to invoke the formal provisions of the Food and Drugs Act. The advent of the Food Hygiene Regulations will involve more work to enforce the provisions relating to hygienic conditions in food premises.

MANGOTSFIELD U.D.

MEAT INSPECTION

Two Slaughterhouses have been in use throughout the year and the third was licensed in October. The number of animals inspected during the period 1st January to 31st December were as follows:-

Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
408	1220	574	4900

The number of carcases condemned 3

Beasts 3. Calves 2. Pigs 10.

The following table gives details of diseases found in the whole carcases condemned.

Beasts—Generalized Tuberculosis	3
Calfs—Pyaemia	2
Pigs—Generalized Tuberculosis	8
Swine Erysipelas	2

SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT

Summary of Sanitary Inspectors' visits and Notices served during 1955

Dwelling Houses with regard to defects, Housing Act, 1936.		
	Inspections	492
	Re-inspections	346
Dwelling Houses with regard to defects, P.H. Act, 1936.		
	Inspections	341
	Re-inspections	118
Visits re Infectious Disease		61
Rooms disinfected		12
Inspections of Public Conveniences		61
Inspections of Sewers and Sewage works		68
Inspections re Food and Drugs Acts		97
Visits re Ice-cream Premises		18
Inspections re Butcher's shops		39
Inspections re Slaughterhouses		1326
Visits re Water supplies		368
Visits re Refuse and Salvage		195
Visits re Mortuary		19
Cesspools inspected		22
Drains inspected		100
Visits re Petroleum Act		64
Visits re Factory Act		30
Visits re Moveable Dwellings		134
Visits re Wet Fish Shops		22
Visits re Restaurant Kitchens		46
Visits re Milk Distributors		43
Inspections re Rodent Control		685
Reinspections re Rodent Control		864
Visits re Shops Act		77
Bakehouses inspected		24
Samples of water taken		14
Samples of milk taken		10
Samples of Sewage taken		1
Samples of Ice Cream taken		2
Schools Inspected		13
Smoke Observations		20
Visits re Hairdressers Establishments		14
Samples of Rag Flock		1
Rooms Disinfested		5
Miscellaneous Visits		10
	TOTAL	5762

WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT

Summary of Sanitary Inspectors' visits and Notices served during 1955

General Sanitation.	
Water supply	53
Drainage	318
Stables and Piggeries	6
Tents, Vans and Sheds	128
Factories	5
Bakehouses	8
Licensed Premises	1
Refuse Disposal	30
Refuse Collection	13
Rats and Mice	1265
(including visits by Rodent Operator)	
Atmospheric Pollution	2
Shops	2
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	22
Council and Other Meetings	46
(including Court Visits)	
Petroleum	16
Housing.	
Houses inspected and visited under the Public Health Acts	55
Houses inspected and visited under the Housing Acts.	172
Houses inspected for Overcrowding	—
Verminous Premises	2
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	3
Infectious Diseases.	
Inquiries in cases of Infectious Diseases	20
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	4
Meat and Food Inspection	
Slaughterhouses	604
Other Premises	1
Butchers	3
Canteens	2
Ice Cream Premises	5
Dairies	4
Milk Sampling	7
Miscellaneous Food Visits	33
	2830
Sanitary Inspection of Area.	
Nuisances discovered or reported	67
Informal and Preliminary Notices sent	13
Statutory Notices Sent	1
Nuisances abated during the year	67
Summonses issued	—

KINGSWOOD U.D.
SANITARY INSPECTIONS

Complaints and Notices received	Visits and Revisits	Defect or Nuisance	Notices			
			Informal		Statutory	
			Issued	Complied	Issued	Complied
11	9	Accumulation	1	1	—	—
4	1	Animals kept	1	1	—	—
—	10	Bakehouses	—	—	—	—
—	2	Cesspools	—	—	—	—
467	505	Drainage and Sewerage	13	10	18	18
—	1	Dustbins	—	—	—	—
11	63	Factories	11	11	—	—
37	229	Food Premises	—	—	—	—
8	8	Dirty Premises	5	3	—	—
82	379	Defective Premises	40	31	9	9
2	236	Housing Survey	—	—	—	—
3	8	Ice Cream Premises	—	—	—	—
3	8	Milk and Dairies	—	—	—	—
3	9	Overcrowding	1	—	—	—
—	1988	Pest Control *(Including Rodent Operator)*	2	2	—	—
—	12	Schools	—	—	—	—
9	21	Smoke observations	1	1	—	—
5	15	Moveable Dwellings	3	3	—	—
93	559	Cleansing and Salvage	2	2	—	—
4	13	Water Samples and supply	—	—	—	—

MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT

Summary of Sanitary Inspector's Visits and Notices served during the year.

Water Supply	4
Houses visited under the Public Health Act.s	130
Houses Inspected and Visited under the Housing Acts	110
Miscellaneous Visits	80
Bakeries	8
Factories	20
Rats and Mice *(including visits by Rodent Operator)*	1,216
Shops	26
Smoke Nuisances	35
Moveable Dwellings	10
Food Premises	40
Slaughterhouses	308
Infectious Diseases	19
Improvement Grant Visits	47
Council and other Meetings	40

CAMPING SITES PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

Section 269.

SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT

There is one camping site in the area and this is capable of accommodating 45 caravans. At the present time 43 caravans are stationed there.

The site is furnished with a mains water supply and a small sewage disposal plant.

In addition to this site there are 48 individual licences to station and use caravans thus bringing the total number in the district to 91.

Routine visits are made and during the year 134 inspections were made.

WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT

Camping Sites.

The number of caravans at the licensed site at Blackhorse Lane, Mangotsfield has been reduced from 9 to 4 during the year, the reason being that the site has been purchased for a new building site.

Number of applications for Licences refused by the Local Authority	1
Prosecutions	—

MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT

Camping Sites.

No changes have taken place during the year and the number of licenced sites used for camping purposes remains at three.

SODBURY R.D.

Housing — Unfit Houses.

Excellent progress has been made in the Council's Unfit Houses Programme and of the 278 houses required to be dealt with over the five year period, 34 have so far been considered by the Council.

During the year under review two clearance orders comprising 10 houses were made and submitted to the Ministry; a third order of 7 houses is now being considered.

Reports were made upon 24 individual unfit houses under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936 and the details of these are summarized as follows:-

Parish of Winterbourne	4 houses
Parish of Frampton Cotterell	3 houses
Parish of Westerleigh	1 house
Parish of Iron Acton	4 houses
Parish of Yate	2 houses
Parish of Chipping Sodbury	2 houses
Parish of Old Sodbury	1 house
Parish of Pucklechurch	1 house
Parish of Marshfield	2 houses
Parish of Hawkesbury	4 houses

Summary

Number of houses in 1st Year Programme	48
Number of houses in clearance areas	10
Number of houses subject to demolition orders	9
Number of houses subject to closing orders	4
Number of undertakings accepted	11
Houses remaining to be dealt with	14
Houses demolished	2

WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT

Housing

Houses not included in Clearance Areas

Demolition and Closing Orders.	No. of Houses
1. (a) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11.	6
(b) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Section 11 and still in force.	—
(c) Parts of Buildings Closed (Section 12).	—
2. Housing Act, 1939.	
(a) Closing Orders made under Section 3(1)	—
(b) Demolition Orders determined and Closing Orders substituted under Section 3(2)	—
3. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953. Closing Order made under Section 10(1)	—

REPAIRS

4. INFORMAL ACTION.
Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the year as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Public Health or Housing Acts. 12

5. HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954.
No. of Certificates of disrepair issued. —
No. of Revocation Certificates issued —

NEW HOUSES ERECTED.

(a) Total number erected during year.

Council	305
Private Enterprise	138

Number of houses under Contruction but not completed at the end of the year.

Council	222
Private Enterprise	109

(b) New houses erected during the year with State assistance under the Housing Act. Nil

KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT

HOUSING.

(a) NEW ACCOMMODATION.

There was a lessening of house building by the Council, only 64 being newly let. Considerable private building took place, 225 houses being erected. This activity was reflected in the demand for Council houses which tended to lessen this year.

(b) UNFIT PROPERTY.

No further clearance areas were dealt with but three houses were subjected to demolition orders. The main work of housing centred around the preparation of the housing survey, reported to Council and submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in October 1955 in the following form:-

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMANENT DWELLINGS IN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY'S AREA 6022

PART I. THE TOTAL PROBLEM.

(i) Estimated number of houses unfit for human habitation within the meaning of section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and suitable for action under section 11 or section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936. 403

(ii) Period in years which the Council think necessary for securing the demolition of all the houses in (i) 5 years

PART II. ORDERS ALREADY MADE ETC.

(iii) Number of houses in (i) in clearance areas and already covered by operative clearance or compulsory orders or owned by the local authority 29

(iv) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders have been submitted to the Minister but have not yet become operative. 0

PART III. ACTION IN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS.

(v) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders are to be made or which are to be purchased by agreement within the five years. 0

(vi) Number of houses which are to be included in clearance areas still to be declared and which within the five years will be owned by the local authority or will have been included in a clearance order or a compulsory purchase order submitted to the Minister 311

(vii) Number of houses under (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) to be patched (if necessary) and retained within the five years under section 2 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, for temporary accommodation. 0

(viii) Number of houses under (iii), (iv) and (vi) to be demolished in the five years. 340

(ix) Number of houses (including those already comprised in operative demolition orders) to be demolished in the five years as a result of action under section II of the Housing Act, 1936. 63

MANGOTSFIELD U.D.

HOUSING.

The number of Demolition Orders made during the year. 14

HOUSING ACT, 1949. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

In January, 1955 the Council re-introduced the improvement grant scheme and by the end of the year improvement works had been carried out to 18 properties at a total cost of £3,855.7.4. Of this amount 50% ranks for grants to the owners of the houses concerned.

There is every indication that more owners will take advantage of the Act to bring their premises up to modern standards.

SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There are two premises in the district which are subject to the above regulations, one being licensed to manufacture rag flock while the other is registered for the use of filling materials.

Samples of rag flock are taken from the manufacturer's premises and the Analyst's reports show that the samples satisfy the prescribed tests.

WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There are two premises in the district which are subject to the above regulations, one being a licensed manufacturer of rag flock whilst the other is registered for the use of filling materials.

Regular samples of rag flock are taken from the manufacturers premises and the Analyst's reports in each case show that the samples satisfy the prescribed tests.

RAG FLOCK ACTS.

Number of Licences for Manufacture, B.S.S. Certificated Factory.	1
Number of Factories Licensed for use of filling material.	2

RODENT CONTROL.
PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PEST ACT, 1949

SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT.

In addition to inspection a destruction service is provided by the Council if required.

All sewerage systems were test baited and where infestations were found treated.

The following are details of inspections and infestations treated.

	Inspected	Treated	Clear
Local Authority Property *(Refuse Tips, Sewerage Works etc.)*	26	18	8
Dwelling Houses and Business premises	375	249	126
Agricultural Holdings	20	9	11
Total visits and revisits	1549		

WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT.

RATS AND MICE.

The Council employ one Rodent operator on this work during the year, and the following visits were made:-

Number of visits including revisits made	1265
Number of properties inspected	208
Rat Infestations of properties found	132
Mice Infestations of properties found.	23
Treatment carried out by the Local Authority	155

The Council carry out the treatment to dwelling houses in the district free, but a charge is made for all Business premises.

Sewer baiting was carried out during the year, and where infestations were found poison was laid. New drainage work in the area is being checked to eliminate any infestation that may have occurred during construction and before the drains are sealed.

KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT.

PEST CONTROL.

A full time operator is employed on pest control in the area, and inspection work covers dwellings, business premises, factories sewers and the refuse tips under the Council's control.

MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT.

PEST CONTROL.

The position with regard to infestation by rats and mice is satisfactory throughout the District. No major infestation occurred during the year under review.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (SECTION 47)

It was not necessary to seek powers via the courts for removal of aged persons under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948 as amended by the National Assistance Amendment Act, 1951. The advantages of assistance by the Home Help Service and visits by the Health Visitors have contributed in avoiding such extreme action when it might otherwise have been necessary.

DUTIES AS DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following notes indicate some of the work covered by the Southern Area Sub-Committee of the Gloucestershire County Council Health Committee.

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(Filton & District Tuberculosis After-Care Committee)
Mrs. J. B. Maitland-Webb
(Glos. Federation of Child Welfare Centres)

CLINICS IN THE AREA.

FILTON (Shield's Road, Northville)
Ante-natal, dental, speech therapy, orthopaedic, eye-clinic, child guidance, welfare foods.

HAMBROOK (White's Hill)
Dental, eye-clinic.

SOUNDWELL (Soundwell Road, Kingswood)
Ante-natal, minor ailments, orthopaedic, eye-clinic.

MORLEY ROAD (Soundwell, Staple Hill)
Child guidance, speech therapy, dental.

KINGSWOOD DENTAL CLINIC.
(Divisional Health Office, High Street, Kingswood)

RIDGWOOD (Chipping Sodbury)
Dental, ante-natal, eye-clinic.

DAY NURSERY, ENMORE HOUSE, Court Road, Kingswood, Bristol.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

HAMBROOK, Frenchay & Winterbourne Down.
Hambrook Clinic, White's Hill, Hambrook. 2 0 p.m. EVERY MONDAY.

MADE-FOR-EVER (Kingswood)
Anchor Road Chapel, Kingswood, 2.0 p.m. 2nd and 4th MONDAYS in the month.

CHIPPING SODBURY.
County Infirmary, Yate. 1st and 3rd TUESDAYS in the month. 2.0 p.m.

WARMLEY
Oldland Church Hall, High Street, Oldland. 2.0 p.m. 1st and 3rd TUESDAYS in the month.

WINTERBOURNE
St. Michael's Room, Winterbourne. 2.30 p.m. 2nd and 4th TUESDAYS in the month.

SOUNDWELL
Soundwell Clinic, Soundwell Road, Kingswood. 2.0 p.m. EVERY TUESDAY.

DOWNEND

Foster Memorial Hall, Salisbury Road, Downend. 2.0 p.m. EVERY TUESDAY.

KINGSWOOD

Wesley Church Hall, Blackhorse Road, Kingswood. 2.0 p.m. EVERY WEDNESDAY

PUCKLECHURCH

The Miner's Institute, Pucklechurch. 2.0 p.m. 2nd and 4th WEDNESDAYS in the month.

COALPIT HEATH AND FRAMPTON COTTERELL.

Wesley Church Hall, Church Road, Frampton Cotterell. 2.0 p.m. 2nd and 4th WEDNESDAYS in the month.

BADMINTON

Memorial Hall, Badminton. 2.0 p.m. 1st and 3rd WEDNESDAYS in the month.

FILTON

Filton Clinic, Shield's Road, Northville. 2.0 p.m. EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY.

YATE

Methodist Church Hall, Moorland Road, Yate, 2.0 p.m. 2nd and 4th THURSDAYS in the month.

MANGOTSFIELD.

Village Hut, Mangotsfield. 2.0 p.m. ALTERNATE THURSDAYS.

HANHAM

Folk Centre, High Street, Hanham. 2.0 p.m. EVERY FRIDAY.

MARSHFIELD

Church Hall, Marshfield. 2.30 p.m. ALTERNATE FRIDAYS.

LITTLE - STOKE

Filton Clinic. 2nd and 4th TUESDAYS in the month

Pending the obtaining of suitable premises for the establishment of the Centre at Little-Stoke, special transport was provided from June, 1955 to take the mothers from this area to Filton Clinic.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

During the last week in May, the Mass Radiography Unit was again stationed at SOUNDWELL CLINIC. On two days from 2.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. the general public were invited to attend and the response was even better than in 1954. Several sessions were arranged with local factories, and pupils from Secondary Modern Schools and the Grammar School in the area were also X'rayed. Once again, the local Branch of the Red Cross Cadets contributed in a large measure to the success of the "week" by distributing leaflets from door to door giving the times when the Unit was open to the general public.

Earlier in May, the Unit had been stationed at FILTON CLINIC, but the response there was disappointing, the attendance by the general public being only just over a third of that at Soundwell. This may be accounted for by the fact that on the two days allowed for public sessions, heavy rain fell almost continuously.

It had been agreed to have the Unit at DOWNEND in December, but this was postponed to the second week in January. The Unit was stationed at the Baptist Church Hall, Salisbury Road and the "week" proved very successful. Various youth clubs in the area helped with the distribution of leaflets.

It is hoped that the Unit will be able to visit YATE in the autumn of 1956.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

The request for this Service has continued to grow considerably each year since its inauguration in 1949 by the County Council. The greatest proportion of cases is with the aged and the chronic sick, but maternity and general sickness cases are also numerous.

By the end of the year, 288 cases were being helped weekly, of these 240 were Chronic Sick, Old Age or Tuberculous patients.

Applications for assistance should be made to the Home Help Organisers at the Divisional Health Office, High Street, Kingswood. This Service is not free but a generous scale of charges depending upon income has been determined by the County Council.

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The following is a list of some of the Voluntary Bodies working in South Gloucestershire.

Tuberculosis After-Care Committee

(1) Filton and District.
Secretary, Mrs. Darney, 694 Southmead Rd., Filton, Bristol

(2) Soundwell and District.
Secretary, Mrs. Hayden, "Woburn", 98, Sweets Road, Kingswood, Bristol.

(3) Sodbury and District.
Secretary, Mrs. Buckridge, 37, Horse St., Chipping Sodbury, Glos.

Filton and District.

During the year the Filton After-care Committee spent about £153.0.0d. in their district helping Tuberculous patients.

Soundwell and District.

This committee was particularly active in raising money during the year and spent well over £300.0.0d. in their district.

Sodbury and District.

The Sodbury After-care Committee is a young Committee and members were very energetic and were able to assist in their area with Xmas gifts and with clothing and in many other ways.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

The Officers of this Society are very helpful in dealing with needy families and many parents are helped. Very often young families are given assistance by the provision of such needy things as beds, mattresses and clothing and it is only on very rare occasions that problems have to be brought to court. I have no knowledge of any families being brought to court during this year and the number of so-called problem families appears to be diminishing. The Officers of the Society have been very helpful and co-operative.

PARENTS CLUBS.

Soundwell Parents Club.

Secretary, Mrs. Slocombe, 6 Sweets Road, Kingswood, Bristol.

This active parents club holds meetings at Soundwell Clinic, and during the year the educational side of its activities has not been forgotten.

Enmore House Day Nursery Parents Club.

Secretary, Mrs. Dwyer (Matron)

Interesting discussions have taken place between the staff of the Day Nursery and the mothers of children in attendance there, and many problems in child upbringing have been aired. The social activities have been well supported.

Warmley Occupation Centre Parents Club.

Chairman, Mr. F. G. Britton (Superintendent)

This Club is extremely well supported, the highlights during the year being the annual outing to Weston-super-Mare, a very successful Harvest Supper (followed by a Sale of produce) and in November a Sale of Work of goods made by the children. A 16 mm. projector was purchased by the Parents Club for use at the Centre.

Child Welfare Centres.

Almost all the Child Welfare Centres in the Area are administered by voluntary committee members, the controlling body being the Gloucestershire Federation of Child Welfare Centres.

British Red Cross Society.
Medical Loan Depots.

Medical appliances and aids for nursing sick persons at home can be borrowed from the following depots:

Staple Hill. Page Institute, Soundwell Road, Staple Hill.
Tel. 54025

Open: Mondays and Wednesdays 8.0 - 9.0 p.m.
Tuesdays and Fridays, 2.30 - 4.0 p.m.

Headquarters 11, Tyndall Avenue, Bristol, 2.

Open: Mondays to Fridays 9.15 a.m. - 1 p.m.
2.0 p.m. - 5 p.m.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

South Gloucestershire Committee for the Care of the Physically Handicapped.

Hon. Secretary, Mrs. D. E. Rose, 104, Forest Road, Kingswood.

Meetings of the above Committee are held at the Kingswood Community Centre each month.

The following is a list of the Old People's Clubs in the District prepared by Mr. H. P. Dow, the Area Officer for the Gloucestershire Community Council whose local office is at 38, Horse Street, Chipping Sodbury, Telephone number 3273

Place	*Name of Club*	*Secretary or Correspondent*
Hanham	Hanham Senior Section	B. Lewis, Esq., 54 Grange Ave., Hanham.
	Hanham Branch Old Age Pensions Association	Mrs. J. R. May, 16 Launceston Ave., Hanham.
Kingswood	Kingswood Friendly Circle.	Mrs. D. Parslow, 76 Sweets Rd., Kingswood.
	Kingswood Old Age Pensions Association.	Mr. A. Peeling, c/o Community Centre, Kingswood.
Warmley	Warmley Old Age Pensions Association	Mr. S. S. Brain, 10 Deanery Rd., Warmley.
Staple Hill	Staple Hill Old People Circle	Mr. Maison, Sailors Home, Queens Square, Bristol.
	Staple Hill Old Age Pensions Association.	R. K. Hibbs, 15 Graham Rd., Downend.
Downend	Downend Old Age Pensions Association	Mrs. W. Davies, 15 Downend Rd., Downend.
Coalpit Heath	Coalpit Heath Old Age Pensions Association	Mrs. Creve, Coalpit Heath.
Yate	Friends & Neighbours	Mrs. A. Cooke, 20 Moordell Ave., Yate.
Chipping Sodbury	Golden Age Club	Mrs. Evans 12 High St., Chipping Sodbury.
Filton	Filton Old Age Pensions Association.	Mr. J. A. Bolton, 29 Cleeve Rd., Filton.
Winterbourne	Winterbourne Old Age Pensions Association.	Mrs. K. H. Laurie, 2 Chapel Cottages, Watneys End.
Iron Acton	Elizabethan Club	Mrs. G. V. Hunt, The Green, Iron Acton.
Cadbury Heath	Cadbury Heath, Oldland and Bitton Old Folks Club.	S. C. Firks, 31 Newton Rd., Cadbury Heath.

Day of Meeting	Place of Meeting	Remarks
Tuesdays, 3 - 5 p.m.	Hanham Folk Centre	Chiropody from 7 a.m. on Wednesdays (open to non-members) The Centre is open for Old People all day.
Thursday 3 - 5 p.m.	"Memory Hall' Creswicke Ave.	The Hall was opened this year. It is open to Old People from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Wednesday 3 - 4.30 p.m.	Community Centre, Kingswood	Chiropody Service to Old People Open to non-members.
		Most members are also members of Kingswood Friendly Circle.
Thursday 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.	Community Centre, Warmley	Chiropody Service.
Tuesday 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.	Bethesda Chapel Schoolroom	
Monthly	Page Institute	
Alternate Wednesdays 3 - 5 p.m.	New Enterprise Hall	Chiropody by arrangement.
Alternate Thursdays	Bethel Chapel Schoolroom	
Wednesday 3 - 5 p.m.	Y.M.C.A. Hall	
Tuesday 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.	W.I. Hall	
Thursday 2.30 - 5 p.m.	Filton Memorial Hall	
Alternate Wednesdays 2.30 - 4.0 p.m.	St. Michaels Rooms	
Thursdays 7.30 p.m.	Alternatively at King William IV Cadbury Heath, and Bitton Church Hall.	

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